

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 10, lines 19-24 as follows:

Preferably the content of ~~the~~ calcium oxide and aluminum oxide ~~content of~~ in the glass chopped wool fiber is increased relative to the sodium and potassium oxides such that the amount of sodium oxide and potassium oxide is reduced to a point which is essentially free of the sodium and potassium oxides, e.g., less than 1%. The increase in the calcium and aluminum oxides and the decrease in sodium and potassium oxides increases the ability of the nonwoven components to withstand degradation/release of contaminants in humid environments.